

Commonwealth's Attorney

Mission:

The Commonwealth's Attorney prosecutes all felonies, all misdemeanor appeals and certain misdemeanors and criminal forfeitures originating in York County and the City of Poquoson. The Commonwealth's Attorney advises law enforcement personnel regarding criminal law and procedure; renders advisory opinions to local officials regarding conflicts of interest; and responds to citizen's inquiries regarding State law, local ordinances and the criminal justice system.

Goals:

- Prosecute criminal cases vigorously, successfully and efficiently.
- Ensure that crime victims are treated with sensitivity and professionalism by the criminal justice system.
- Provide effective assistance and guidance to law enforcement personnel.
- Enforce forfeitures of property used in criminal endeavors whenever possible.
- Provide prompt and accurate responses to citizen inquiries.

Implementation Strategies for FY2005:

- Update and expand use of the computerized docket control and case management system.
- Expand "in-house" training to meet Sheriffs' Department's requirements.
- Maintain professional excellence by providing competitive compensation.

Budget Issues:

- In FY2001, funding was for the implementation of a computerized case management system and the purchase of furniture. The Compensation Board approved additional funding for a Career Prosecutor Program and an additional Assistant Attorney, which allowed for the upgrade of a part-time attorney to a full-time position and the addition of a support staff position. The Compensation Board also provided funding for computer equipment to finalize the installation of the computerized docket control and case management system.
- In FY2003, capital outlay funding was provided to replace a file server. Due to state mid-year budget reductions, this equipment and other needed equipment was not purchased. The Commonwealth Attorney proposed changes in the County code to allow prosecution of various traffic offenses under County ordinances, resulting in additional revenue to the County. These additional revenues should offset prior reductions.
- In FY2004, funding was again reduced due to state budget reductions, further delaying the purchase of computer equipment, reducing funding for interns and other much-needed expenses.
- For FY2005, increase reflects routine replacement of computers and the replacement of a network file server.

General Fund Expenditures	FY2001 Actual Expenditures	FY2002 Actual Expenditures	FY2003 Actual Expenditures	FY2004 Original Budget	FY2004 Expected Appropriations	FY2005 Adopted Budget
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Personnel Services	577,791	609,147	644,744	686,330	686,330	752,215
Contractual Services	1,837	3,512	2,899	2,000	2,000	2,600
Internal Services	658	820	843	650	650	800
Other Charges	11,390	11,652	7,350	13,700	13,700	13,640
Materials & Supplies	7,767	8,281	4,436	7,500	7,500	5,800
Capital Outlay	18,705	9,302	-	-	-	9,292
Grant Activity	<u>4,636</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,992</u>	<u>-</u>
Activity Total	<u>622,784</u>	<u>642,714</u>	<u>660,272</u>	<u>710,180</u>	<u>712,172</u>	<u>784,347</u>
Percentage Change	21.79%	3.20%	2.73%	7.56%	N/A	10.44%

FTE's

Management	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Professional/Technical	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.50
Admin/Clerical	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.50
Trades & Crafts	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	<u>10.00</u>	<u>10.00</u>	<u>10.00</u>	<u>10.00</u>	<u>10.00</u>	<u>10.00</u>

